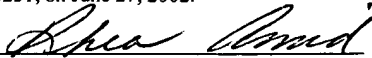


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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
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BACTERIAL INFECTION

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2002, for which a response is due on June 27, 2002. This Amendment intends to place the pending claims into form of allowance. Also enclosed herewith are the following Exhibits:

Exhibit A: A version with markings to show changes made in claims 1, 2 and 15; and

Exhibit B: Declaration of Ming-Wei WANG pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.132 (WANG Declaration) with Figure 1 and Table 1.

In the claims:

Please replace claims 1, 2 and 15 with the following clean set of amended claims 1, 2 and 15. A version with markings to show changes made is included in Exhibit A.

1. (Amended) A compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, having the following formula I:

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